

WESTFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

7/21/04

Present: Ken Tebbetts, Phil Gilbert, Jane Hinckley, Sally Benedict, Stacey Perron, Bob Oliphant

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Correspondence-

We received a letter from Mass Highway in response to our concerns about the Forge Village Bridge.

Ken received a letter from Cara Metz (MHC) stating that the applications to the National Historical Register for Fairview and West Cemeteries will be heard on Sept. 8th at 1PM. Ken will attend.

Treasurer's Report-

We were under budget for FY04, but the \$2,500 for the computer for the 275th video was not deducted. The money actually goes to the town, who built the computer. Ken will speak to Suzanne Marchand to see how this is done. That leaves approximately \$3,500- a bill for \$255 may also be deducted from last year's budget.

Future projects- we have two estimates on replacing the cottage roof. We are still trying to have Jerry Boucher refurbish the porch. We need help in prioritizing the projects we are considering.

Old Business-

Jane received the sign from Frank Hamblett to post at the site of the former Town Pound. He did not charge us for the sign- Jane wrote him a thank you note.

Jane mentioned again her desire to post a sign listing important historic sites in town.

Ken has spoken with Pam Stratemeier since our site visit to let her know we're interested in her house.

Preservation Plan-

This is tabled until next month. We will review the History of Westford, and the executive summary.

Open Forum-

Bob Wiskevich's house on Leland Road is for sale. It may be possible to arrange a tour.

A comment in the Lowell Sun's Backtalk was about demolition in Chelmsford's historic districts.

It was mentioned that Aimee Gervais would be a good contact for Graniteville history.

Jane spoke with Ellen Harde and the historic districts and scenic roads will be added to the next Roudenbush map, to be printed in September.

Eric Okvist, 13 Boston Road, contacted Jane to ask about regulations in the historic districts. He wants to install new siding on his house, and wanted to be sure he was in compliance with any regulations. There are no regulations about home improvements in a National Historic District, but we appreciate the inquiry.

Secretary's Report-

Bob moved to accept the minutes from 6/16/04, with Jane seconding. Sally abstained, as she was not present, and all others voted in favor to accept.

Bob moved to accept the minutes from 3/17/2004, with Phil seconding. Stacey abstained, as she was not present- all others approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey M. Perron, Secretary